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Governor Brewer Freezes New Regulatory Burdens

PHOENIX – In her first official act as Governor of Arizona, Governor Jan Brewer today issued a management directive to state agencies calling for a temporary freeze on all new state government regulations. All state agency directors and acting directors are asked to not submit any new regulations to the Arizona rule-making process until Governor Brewer and her senior staff have performed a wholesale review of all rules and regulations that were set into motion during previous administrations.

“It is imperative that my senior staff and I perform a thorough review of all regulatory mandates set in motion by previous administrations. We must assess where the regulatory burdens lie and determine how they are appropriately or inappropriately impacting the citizens of Arizona. We must make sure that Arizona is the most economically vibrant place in the world through freedom from archaic regulation,” stated Brewer.

The memo also orders agency heads to withdraw any regulations not yet published with the Secretary of State. The directive provides an exemption mechanism for rules necessary to protect public health and safety, as well as those that address the state budget deficit.

The Governor’s first official act is in accordance with her Inaugural Address stressing job creation to improve Arizona’s ailing economy and beleaguered state budget.

Attached is a copy of the directive.

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